# 0. Identify the Attack Source

Create a Bash script to identify the IP address responsible for the most requests in a log file, which is likely the source of a Denial of Service (DoS) attack.

#### **Functionality:**

- Extract IP addresses from the log file.
- · Count the occurrences of each IP address.
- Identify and print the IP address with the highest number of requests.
  - ∘ Log File : logs.txt

# **Explanation of Each Step:**

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1. grep -Eo '([0-9]{1,3}\.){3}[0-9]{1,3}' logs.txt:
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Explanation of the Regex:

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1. [0-9] {1,3}:
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Matches a number with 1 to 3 digits (e.g., 1, 10, 255).

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2. \\ .:
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Matches a literal period (...).

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3. ([0-9]{1,3}\.){3}:
```

Matches three groups of 1–3 digits followed by a period (1.1.1.).

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4. [0-9] {1,3}:
```

Matches the final group of 1–3 digits (e.g., 1 in 1.1.1.1).

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5. -Eo:
```

- Enables extended regex for better readability.
- — Outputs only the matching part of the line.

### 2. sort:

Sorts the extracted IP addresses, which is necessary for the next step to count occurrences.

# 3. uniq -c:

Counts the number of times each unique IP address appears.

# 4. sort -nr:

 Sorts the results numerically (-n) in reverse order (-r), putting the most frequent IP address at the top.

# 5. head -n 1:

 Extracts the first line, which corresponds to the most frequently occurring IP address and its count.

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6. awk '{print $2}':
```

o Prints the second field from the line, which is the IP address (the count is in the first field).

# **Example:**

If logs.txt contains:

```
192.168.1.1

10.0.0.1

192.168.1.1

192.168.1.1

10.0.0.1

172.16.0.1
```

## Running:

```
grep -Eo '([0-9]{1,3}\.){3}[0-9]{1,3}' logs.txt | sort | uniq -c | sort -nr
| head -n 1 | awk '{print $2}'
```

#### Output:

```
192.168.1.1
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This means 192.168.1.1 is the most frequently occurring IP address in logs.txt.